

List of Subjects in 50 CFR Part 660

Fisheries, Fishing, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Dated: February 21, 1997.

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For the reason set out in the preamble, 50 CFR part 660 is amended as follows:

PART 660—FISHERIES OFF WEST COAST AND WESTERN PACIFIC STATES

1. The authority citation for part 660 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

2. In § 660.61, paragraph (a) is revised to read as follows:

§ 660.61 Permits.

(a) The owner of any vessel used to fish for bottomfish in the Mau Zone must have a permit issued under this section for that vessel. Permits for persons not previously permitted to fish in the Mau Zone will not be issued for a 2-year period beginning March 27, 1997.

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50 CFR Part 679

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Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Scallop Fishery; District 16 of Registration Area D

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Closure.

SUMMARY: NMFS is closing the scallop fishery in District 16 of Scallop Registration Area D (Yakutat). This action is necessary to prevent exceeding the scallop 1997 total allowable catch (TAC) in this area.

EFFECTIVE DATE: 1200 hrs, Alaska local time (A.l.t.), February 23, 1997, until 2400 hrs, A.l.t., June 30, 1997.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The scallop fishery in the exclusive economic zone off Alaska is managed by NMFS according to the Fishery Management Plan for the Scallop Fishery Off Alaska (FMP), which was prepared by the North Pacific Fishery Management Council under authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery

Conservation and Management Act. Fishing for scallops is governed by regulations appearing at subpart F of 50 CFR part 600 and 50 CFR part 679.

In accordance with § 679.62(b), the 1997 scallop TAC for District 16 of Scallop Registration Area D (Yakutat), was established by the Final 1996-97 Harvest Specifications of Scallops (61 FR 38099, July 23, 1996) as 35,000 lb (15,880 kg) shucked meat.

In accordance with 679.62(c), the Administrator, Alaska Region, NMFS, has determined that the scallop TAC for District 16 of Scallop Registration Area D (Yakutat), has been reached. Consequently, NMFS is prohibiting the taking and retention of scallops in District 16 of Scallop Registration Area D (Yakutat).

Classification

This action is required by § 679.62 and is exempt from review under E.O. 12866.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

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